

REMARKS

This application has been carefully considered in connection with the Examiner's Action. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing.

Claims 26-28, 60-62 and 64-74 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Patent Publication GB 2 325 548 to Nabavi in view U.S. Patent No. 6,161,182 to Nadooshan, U.S. Patent No. 6,314,425 to Serbinis et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,275,227 to DeStefano and U.S. Patent No. 5,412,708 to Katz. In response, the Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of Claims 26-28, 60-62 and 64-74 set forth above and instead submit that Claims 26-28, 60-62 and 64-74, as above amended, as well as new Claims 75-77 are neither taught nor suggested by the cited art. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request the reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 26-28, 60-62 and 64-74 and the allowance of Claims 26-28, 60-62 and 64-77.

The cited art has been carefully considered but neither teaches nor suggests Applicants' invention as defined by Claims 26-28, 60-62 and 64-77. Applicants' invention is directed to a method for remote monitoring of a premise. Unlike the art cited by the Examiner, Applicants' claimed method is configured such that, in response to authentication of a remote user by a security system server, both the remote client and a security gateway located at the premises to be monitored receive authorization information from the security system server. When the remote client subsequently transmits the access information received from the security system server to the security gateway, a determination as to whether the remote client shall be granted access to the security gateway is based upon both the access information that the security gateway receives from the remote client and the access information that the security gateway receives directly from the security system server. Such a feature is clearly distinguishable from Nadooshan, where there is

neither a teaching nor a suggestion of token generating server 300 directly transmitting access information to remote equipment 140. See, for example, FIG. 2 of Nadooshan.

Applicants' claimed method may be further distinguished from the cited art based upon the process by which a signal is activated at a premises to notify an occupant thereof that remote monitoring of the premises is occurring. More specifically, in accordance with Applicants' claimed method, a security gateway located at the premises initiates generation of the signal that notifies occupants of the premises that remote monitoring is occurring whenever the security gateway is in the process of transferring information, for example, by streaming video and/or audio data, to a remote client. Such a feature is clearly distinguishable from Katz, where, based upon the data received from the monitored premises, a user at a remote location decides whether to issue a notification signal that monitoring is occurring.

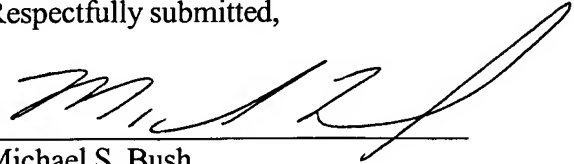
Each of the claims pending before the Examiner include one or both of the aforementioned features, both of which distinguish Applicants' claimed method over the cited art. It is submitted, therefore, that Claims 26-28, 60-62 and 64-74, as above amended, as well as newly added Claims 75-77 are neither taught nor suggested by the cited art. For this reason, the Applicants respectfully request the reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 26-28, 60-62 and 64-74 and the allowance of Claims 26-28, 60-62 and 64-77.

This application is now considered to be in condition for allowance. A prompt Notice to that effect is, therefore, earnestly solicited.

It is believed that there are no fees due in connection with this communication. If fees are due, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees connected with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1515.

Respectfully submitted,

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